

700 1-S Members to Receive \$53,000 in Pay Adjustments

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Health Survey Examines 1,000; Notifications to Go Out Soon

Over 1,000 members of Local 1-S who participated in the union's Health Survey will learn shortly whether they need remedial medical care.

The survey, which took place from April 28 to May 28 consisted of medical examination of the eyes, of the teeth (including x-rays), of legs and feet; and for glaucoma. Except for the last examination performed at the ophthalmologist's office, the series of diagnostic examinations took place at union headquarters.

The medical service was rendered without charge to the members of Local 1-S and their families. Most of them took the complete set of four examinations.

Notification

Before the end of July, a letter will be sent to every person who participated in the survey. He will be informed whether he needs any care in the medical specialties in which he was examined.

If the member needs additional medical or surgical consultation he will be notified immediately. A new follow-up examination by a specialist will be made without any charge.

The health consultant in the union office will provide the names of physicians or dentists, nearest them, on the regular medical panel who can provide appropriate medical treatment. The medical treatment is not provided under the Health Survey, it is stressed by the committee.

The health survey was initiated at a general membership meeting in the Fall of 1958 when Local 1-S members were asked to take

advantage of this highly useful technique of preventive medical care. The survey has been administered by the union's Social Welfare Committee, of which Ceil

Curry is chairman. Other members are Riva Lowenstein, Jack Fox, Nat Yurowsky, Augustine Tompkins, Florence Meurer and Leo Livingston.

Grand Tour of Europe 'Wonderful,' Say 1-S'ers

Fifty-six members of Local 1-S completed their month-long grand tour of Europe on Sunday, June 28, and the verdict was, "Wonderful."

Sponsored by the union's Activity Committee, the tourists saw many of the most fascinating sights in the eight nations they visited. And many of them said that, in spirit, they had not yet really returned.

They brought back memories and stories, snapshots and souvenirs of one of the most interesting vacations in their lives. They saw the colorful changing of the guards in London in front of Buckingham Palace . . . the flower gardens and houseboats in the canals of Amsterdam . . . the superb view of Lake Geneva with snow-covered mountains in the background . . . and the mountain climbers in knickers in Austria . . . the cafes and music in the Piazza San Marco, and the chant of the gondoliers in Venice . . . historic Rome and Florence with their storied art of the Renaissance and the Coliseum of ancient Rome . . .

and fantastic Capri with its famous Blue Grotto.

On the beach at Nice in France, the visiting Americans observed that a woman was over-dressed if she wore more than a Bikini! (In fact, that was all some could afford after Monte Carlo.) Paris in the Spring was a special treat with some paying special attention to the Arch of Triumph and others to the Folies Bergere.

Reluctant to return, the group nevertheless had a delightful flight home. Talking about their experiences, the Local 1-S members mused that as much as a vacation, they had had a remarkable educational experience seeing and talking with people of different languages, cultures and habits of life. And they hoped that the wishes they had uttered as they tossed coins into the fountains of Trevi would come to pass.

Yet returning to the practicalities of everyday life, they were gratified that, in some cases, they were able to make the trip with the help of the Local 1-S Credit Union.

Over 700 Local 1-S members in Herald Square, Jamaica, Parkchester, Flatbush and White Plains have received pay adjustments adding \$53,000 to their annual salaries, it is reported by First Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein who headed the union's committee on inequalities.

Labor Conference On Community Aid Shows Progress

American labor is playing an ever-larger and more constructive role in community activity throughout the nation.

This was the strong impression brought back from a recent AFL-CIO National Conference on Community Services in Chicago by Augustine Tompkins and Florence Meurer.

The two members of the Local 1-S Social Services Committee attended the week-long meeting which attracted over 400 union representatives and social agency leaders.

Augustine and Florence reported intensive discussions at the annual meeting on health and community service problems. The extensive experience of Local 1-S in this field of work enabled each of them to cite such successful Local 1-S projects as the Blood Bank and the Wednesday night referral and counseling sessions. The 1-S, Macy's Blood Bank is one of the most successful programs of its kind in the country.

In a conference discussion on union referral and counseling procedures, Augustine expressed the view that union participants should be good listeners, be compassionate and know their own limitations.

Florence participated in a review of programs for retirees. The panel concluded that it was vital to develop programs to anticipate retirement. Such programs should be community-sponsored, the panel said, and with the active support of the trade unions.

CWA President Joseph Beirne stressed the necessity of workers becoming active throughout the community, noting that community services would be made available as a result to trade union members.

Prof. Colston E. Warne of Am-

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The individual pay adjustments vary from 75 cents to \$8.00 a week above and beyond the \$3.00 increase won during contract negotiations. At the time of these negotiations in April a sum of \$50,000 was agreed upon to make upward wage adjustments because of existing inequalities in pay standards. However \$3,000 was added to the original amount.

The new pay increases are effective as of Feb. 1, 1959. The adjustments will be reflected in pay envelopes distributed on July 22, 23 and 24. The retroactive pay, going back to Feb. 1, will be disbursed on August 5, 6 and 7.

All upward pay adjustments within the Office and Selling Divisions have been given to those workers who are above the 18-month rate and at maximum pay. The increases within the Non-Selling and Selling-Non Selling divisions have been made to those workers within the range from the one-year rate to the maximum pay rate; and the raise is made proportionately, according to the wage level.

All Divisions

The divisions which benefit from these adjustments are selling, non-selling, offices and beauty salon. Aiding Vice President Hoffstein in negotiating the pay adjustments were Tony La Salvia, Branches; Frances Cavicchi, Offices; Richard Tausz, Non-Selling; and Joseph Cecere, Selling.

As in past years, the union has sought to allocate the upward pay adjustments to help the greatest number of workers.

From this premise, the union asked for specific recommendations from executive board members, stewards, and at divisional meetings. These suggested pay adjustments were reviewed and consolidated by the union committee on inequalities which represented every major division in the store.

The purpose of the adjustments is to implement the union principle of equalizing pay for workers doing the same kinds of jobs in different divisions or sometimes in the same division.

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N.Y. Labor Backs Negro Universities

The Greater New York Labor Committee of the United Negro College Fund has opened its annual drive.

The Fund supports 33 private, accredited colleges which provide a higher education for thousands of students from low-income families.

The colleges, it was announced, have never been segregating institutions. Present-day students and faculties are composed of practically every race and religion.

Pres. Sam Kovenetsky is a member of the labor committee which includes union leaders from virtually every section of the city's trade union movement.



LOCAL 1-S TOURISTS on the European Grand Tour ready themselves for a guided tour of Rome.



HUGH GRAY (center) of 7th floor Receiving, receives a Savings Bond from Pres. Sam Kovenetsky as a prize-winner in the RWDSU COPE contest. Looking on is Ed Jennings, Sewing Machines, chairman of the Local I-S Committee on Political Education. Harry Royster, COPE collector in the department, also won an RWDSU bond.

COPE Committee Plans Fall Political Program

The union's COPE Committee decided at its July 7 meeting to outline a two-phased program of political education and activity against discrimination.

Committee members are consulting with Joseph Overton, president of the city's NAACP chapter, and Earl Ollander, a staff member of the Anti-Defamation League. A number of practical, down-to-earth projects will be developed, said chairman Ed Jennings, in addition to a schedule of meetings, movies and distribution of literature.

The COPE program in the Fall

will include both a COPE membership drive and a registration campaign. New members for the committee are cordially invited, and may join simply by registering their name with the union office, WA 4-4540. They will receive notices to attend the next meeting.

In recent weeks, through the Local I-S COPE committee, over 1,000 postcards have been sent to Congressmen urging support of the Kennedy-Erwin bill to increase the minimum wage to \$1.25, and extend the law's coverage to include another 7,000,000 workers.

Economic Study Attacks 'Anti-Inflation' Campaign

The current campaign against increased prices is based on "the dangerously misguided idea that 'the way to fight inflation is to cripple economic growth.'"

So concludes a new, 59-page study by the Conference on Economic Progress entitled "Inflation—Cause and Cure." The report, written by Leon H. Keyserling, described as "spurious" the current propaganda campaign by powerful organs of government, daily newspapers and industry leaders.

"The price increases that took place in key industries were not necessary to sustain an adequate level of profits, but instead resulted in an excessive expansion of profits. This profit expansion far outran wage increases," the report said.

The use of administered prices—prices set without relation to supply and demand but to a predetermined profit rate—has resulted, says the study, in allowing major companies in basic industries to show a profit even if operating below 50 percent of full capacity and to make "huge profits long before they are operating at reasonably full production and employment."

The campaign has produced "more inflation than we ever had in this country except in consequence of war." The nation's future, it adds, "may well depend on the speed and discernment with which we abandon the effort to sacrifice progress on the altar of false stability and achieve a genu-

ine stability founded upon moving forward."

The first requirement of economic policy to strengthen the nation at home and abroad, the study declares, is a national prosperity budget, which means a "much bigger federal budget and a much more liberal monetary policy."

**PLEASE TELL US
WHEN YOU MOVE**



TWO YOUNGSTERS aided by the Local I-S program for neighborhood kids sing lustily at a meeting of the AFL-CIO Community Services Committee. Seated at table are, l. to r., Peter Crescenti, Local 43 upholsterers; Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., president of the N. Y. Central Labor Council; John Burnell, assistant committee chairman; Local I-S president Sam Kovenetsky, and Hugh Hallinan, Local 790, UAW.

Union to Explore New Pension-Insurance Plan

Pres. Sam Kovenetsky has proposed to the Executive Board that a Local I-S Insurance and Pension Committee develop an expanded program for the union members.

With membership approval, ways and means will be explored whereby it may become possible to improve the present union Insurance and Pension Fund.

Union Members Get \$53,000 In Pay Increases

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The union committee then presented its demands to a Macy's management committee which was headed by Bernard Steinberg of Labor Relations. The management committee had its own list of admitted inequalities, and both lists were discussed at a series of meetings between the union and the management committee. Union stewards attended the meetings to explain the various inequalities.

For details about individual changes and adjustments, consult your administrator, shop steward or executive board member.

The following departments were affected: Street Floor Tables, Street Floor Table Heads, Fitter-Trainee, Aprons and Smocks, Window Furnishings, Linens, Branch Store Clerical, Stockclerk, Senior Stockman, Squadhead-Stockman, Assortment Shopper, Adjustor, Special Unit Adjustor, Working Leader-Adjustor Group; Typist Correspondent; Senior Correspondent, Telephone Operator, Information Operator, Adjustment Interviewer, Authorizer Adjustor, Senior Interviewer-Adjustor.

Also Adjustor, Key Punch Verifier, Tabulating Machine Operator, Senior Chemist, Senior Engineer's Aide, Salad and Sandwich Maker, Cook, Cook's Helper, Food and Mixture Preparer, Contingent, Freight Elevator Operator, Floor Porter, Washroom Porter, Electric Truck Distributor, Senior Collector.

Also Chief Watchmaker, Watchmaker, Junior Leather Stamper, Jeweler-Repairman, Touch-up Man, Finisher and Brac-a-Brac Repairman, Auto Accessories Installer, Men's Fitter Tailor, Fur Estimator, Window Trimmer, Homefurnishings, Sales-Men's Clothing, Merchandise Handler.

ance and Pension Fund.

The Insurance and Pension committee consists of Jerry Harte, Neil Kuypers, Lillian Oliver, Dorothy Kichtenstein, Nick Snyder, Jack Steinman, Richard Tausz, and the officers of the union. The committee will consult with the union's attorneys and with insurance experts.

The Executive Board meeting, held on June 30, 1959, was chaired by First Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein.

Building Committee

Tony La Salvia reported that the Building Committee had examined another building as a possible new union headquarters. However, the structure was not satisfactory. The committee will continue to explore the availability of buildings for this purpose.

Trial Committee

Mollie Attardi reported on trials held on June 17, 1959. In the trial of Ruth King versus Sadie Grover, the committee recommended, and the Board approved, a 90-day suspension.

Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein suggested that the trial of A. O'Donnell versus H. Bayle be postponed until September, and the Executive Board so approved.

Histadrut

Pres. Kovenetsky noted that the drive for the Israeli labor federation had netted \$1250 to date, and urged that pledge sheets be completed and returned. RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg has thanked us for this aid, but also asked for an in-

creased contribution in view of our large local union membership.

Central Labor Council

J. Malone, Rex Meza and Mollie Attardi were selected as delegates to the N. Y. Central Labor Council, coordinating body of the city's labor movement. In addition, union officers will also act as delegates, as needed.

Stewards' Conference

The annual Stewards' Conference will be held on October 14, 1959 at Hotel New Yorker, it was announced, and a General Membership Meeting will be held the following week. A magazine-format President's report will be issued to celebrate Local I-S' 20th anniversary.

Consider Initiation Rise

Ceil Curry reported that the Trustee Committee proposed an increase in the union initiation fee from \$7.50 to \$10. The Executive Board will arrange for a vote at the Fall membership meeting.

COPE

Ed Jennings reported on the COPE conference in Syracuse. He urged continuing support of the Kennedy-Erwin bill to raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 and extend that minimum to the retail and other industries. He also advised the importance of the vote to achieve labor's goals and increase the standard of living.

9th Floor

Only seven members appeared at the 9th Floor meeting on the question of the dues increase. After a full discussion, these members agreed on the desirability of the union's action, and left satisfied, it was reported.

The NAACP requested a Local I-S drive for membership. Pres. Kovenetsky reported. He said it was not possible to do this since such action would open the door to other, comparable requests. However the union has asked for programs, speakers, movies, etc., as part of the union's re-activated anti-discrimination program.

COPE and anti-discrimination programs are handled by the same committee and should be coordinated activities, not only in our own union but in the community as well, Pres. Kovenetsky said. He advised alert, continuing activity in the fight for integration. Otherwise, he warned, we can lose all we have worked so hard to attain.

The Local I-S president said that volunteers, preferably men, were needed to help make the union's Boys Club successful. He stressed the use of such a club in correcting one of the ills of society.

Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein thanked F. Cavicchi, D. Tausz, T. La Salvia and Joseph Cecere who comprised the committee aiding him in achieving the forthcoming pay adjustments.

Ceil Curry gave a financial report.

Albert White, a new member of the board, was introduced. The resignation of W. Wilke was accepted.

H. Liebowitz reported that the European trip was heartily enjoyed by all.

P. Novak's report on the participation of Local I-S delegates to a labor conference on problems of Spanish-speaking workers was accepted.

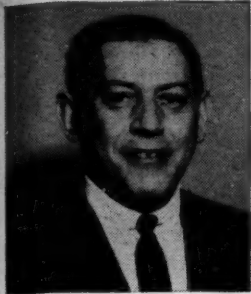
Funds in the union's Health Plan and Social Service accounts will be changed to the Amalgamated Bank of New York, with the board's approval.

Volunteers Wanted For Boys' Club

A call for volunteers to work with the union-sponsored Boy's Club has been issued by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky.

Volunteers should be men preferably, and have had some experience working with youngsters. They should be willing to spend two evenings a week at the union office supervising the kids in arts and crafts, games, etc., and help take the youngsters on an occasional outing during the Summer.

Call Pres. Kovenetsky at WA 4-4540 TODAY!



Worth Talking About

BY PRESIDENT SAM KOVENETSKY

IT IS NO NEWS to Local 1-S that our union has been able to represent them boldly and effectively for one reason, above all.

That reason is the involvement of our members in the life of the union. Simple as that.

Because from such involvement come the unity and determination that strengthen the union in negotiations and grievance procedures—which translate into bread and butter. From such involvement comes the feeling of kinship and mutual responsibility that are expressed concretely, for example, in our blood bank campaigns.

From such involvement comes the activity that provides fun and recreation, and advances our interests in the entire range of community and social life.

TWO DAYS BEFORE I wrote this column, the President of the United States vetoed a housing bill which would have helped a little to alleviate the terrible housing problems of this country. "Inflationary" was the President's explanation. But when the bankers wanted the Treasury to increase the interest on United States Government bonds, they got the increase. And the President noticed nothing inflationary about that. I didn't see many editorial writers getting excited about this issue, or many of the other problems that affect the everyday life of the great majority of Americans.

Obviously we in the labor movement must intensify our programs for political activities. Our own union's Committee on Political Education like the AFL-CIO's entire COPE program will swing into high in September.

OUR COPE COMMITTEE will conduct an all-out registration and membership drive which I am confident you will fully support. It will conduct a survey to determine your attitudes on many of the important issues before the nation. It will set up a series of meetings with notable public figures and experts to talk on important issues. And we may conduct a current events class as well.

In addition, the COPE committee will explore a number of down-to-earth projects to improve human relations. It is too soon to comment on these, but we will have the enthusiastic help of several well-known civil liberties agencies.

The Activity Committee, which has sparked such diverse functions as the recent European tour and the forthcoming Fishermen's Party, is planning to resume the union's popular Dancing Class; and other activities will be announced in forthcoming issues of the "Local 1-S News."

THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, which consists of officers of the union, has been reviewing its area of activity. This committee does an important job in every matter that relates to the health and social welfare of our members. The current Health Survey is an excellent example of our continuing development of methods to prevent illness, and anticipate the problems that may arise from it.

Looking toward the Fall, the Committee will review the services available to our members from the various community and social agencies. We are constantly attempting to widen that area of service.

Plans for the annual Stewards' Conference in the Fall are now being prepared. As in the past, the conference will provide the occasion for an analysis of the year's progress and problems, and to improve our techniques of representing our members.

THIS YEAR WILL BE OUR TWENTIETH, as our oldtimers will remember. The President's Report will therefore be a good deal larger in scope. It will present some of the history and drama of our union history and accomplishments. And we will define some of the major goals we can project into the future.

Most recently, an Insurance and Pension Committee has been formed. A great deal of research will be necessary to explore this complex subject; but I hope that we can at least sketch some of the basic perspectives to increase the security and welfare of our members.

DURING THE SUMMERTIME, people are naturally thinking about their vacations. I am too, and I hope you have a fine time, get rested and refreshed, and thoroughly enjoy yourself.

Nevertheless, I hope that as September approaches, you will give renewed thought—and time—to the life of the union. A living organism like a trade union cannot stand still. It either goes forward or becomes stagnant. Your participation in our committees, in our educational and recreational programs will provide as always the spark of our union's life, and growth, and progress.

Arbitrator to Decide Question Of Transfer Out of Seniority



ARBITRATOR George Moscovitz (left) is faced with question of a transfer which deprived pharmacist Angela Biondo of her job in violation of seniority. Attending hearing for union were Vice Pres. Bill Atkinson, Administrator John Tercy, attorney Asher Schwartz (center), Miss Biondo and pharmacist Joseph Buccolo.

Can a Macy's worker be deprived of a job in violation of seniority?

Can the company arbitrarily transfer this worker to a job paying the same money, and argue that such a transfer is a form of discipline when there has been no notification to the union of disciplinary action?

These questions were at issue in determining whether, technically, the case of Angela Biondo can be arbitrated. The technical question centered on provisions in the contract which say that the union has recourse to arbitration in cases of discipline and discharge for a period of 30 days, and for a period of 60 days in other disputes, including seniority.

Angela, a compounding pharmacist at Macy's for 16 years and paid on a straight salary basis,

was transferred to a selling pharmacist position, which pays a salary and commission, in department 42—Drugs. At no time was she told that discipline was being considered. She had not been interviewed in regard to the quality of her work, and received no warning of an impending transfer as a form of discipline. The only official notice to the union was a form describing the company action in routine terms as a transfer.

Under the contract, the union must be informed of all disciplinary action, if the union requests it. And of course the union could not do so, not having any information that the case was "disciplinary."

Under these circumstances the union filed for arbitration within the 60-day period, but not within the 30-day period.

Local 1-S Vice Pres. Bill Atkinson, Administrator John J. Tercy

and Pharmacist Joseph Buccolo were on hand to assist union attorney Asher Schwartz at the arbitration. Atkinson testified that, in the union's judgment the case was handled as a seniority problem, and that a transfer in grade, without due and proper notification to the union, did not constitute disciplinary action within the meaning of the union contract.

Legal briefs are being submitted to Arbitrator George Moscovitz who will render his decision by July 27th.

"Macy's wants to have its cake, and eat it too," Atkinson declared. "Up to the period of the transfer, Macy's did not treat the case as disciplinary. After the case came to arbitration, they treated it as only disciplinary."

"We trust that the arbitrator will see through this subterfuge attempted by the Macy's management," he stated.

To Err Is Human — Sometimes, Macy's Admits the Error

A warning from Macy's involves suspension from the Better Job List for six months, and other undesirable results. Sondra Blasen-stein, Dept. 51, was therefore distressed when she was warned by a relief supervisor for leaving a \$5 bill on the cash register at the end of a day. She was also a little angry, because she had not left the "found" money.

How could Sondra be sure? Simple, because she had to lift a part of the cash register mechanism to get out the tape, and the bill had not been there.

Sondra came down to the union and explained the matter to Administrator Mildred Kaplonsky who then discussed the problem with Mr. Scherzer of the 16th Floor Labor Relations.

Mr. Scherzer acknowledged that Sondra was not the person responsible, and that the report put in by the department was completely in error. And the warning was erased from Sondra's record.

Roosevelt Workers:

Management Strikes Sour Note As Other Stores Win Pay Rise

Non-union policies at Roosevelt Field, as compared with collective bargaining at the other Macy's stores, again struck a sour note as Roosevelt employees learned this week about the \$53,000 upward pay adjustments.

Throughout the unionized Macy's stores, 700 workers benefitted from the adjustment of their inequalities in pay. The process of setting up the lists of workers to be benefitted was accomplished as a routine example of collective bargaining, discussion and agreement between a union committee and a Macy's management committee. The pay boosts stemmed from an agreement which was part of the Macy's contract signed in April of this year.

In contrast, the Roosevelt employees have no effective way of adjusting unjust wages or equal-

izing salaries for equal work. They have no opportunity for a strong, effective spokesman to represent their views or interests. When a group of Roosevelt workers presented some job problems and grievances to Mr. Nieman, they waited six weeks and, at the time this newspaper went to press, had still not received an answer.

As management's representative, Mr. Nieman is saving the company money by stalling. After all, it is his job to get the most work out of the staff for the least amount of money. Speaking for management, Nieman has no obligation to give any conclusive answer.

All Must Unite

With the union representing the Roosevelt workers, stalling would accomplish nothing. A union-approved agreement can be made retroactive, effective at an earlier date. But the heart of the matter is that only the union can force the Macy's management to make fair and proper adjustments, something which an individual worker or a small group of workers can not accomplish.

Only all the Macy's employees, united in one union, can accomplish such results as the upward pay adjustments which affected all the other stores, and improved the entire wage structure of the workers benefitted.

One more good reason for joining the union!

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Legal Action Against 1-S'er Squelched by Union Lawyer

Action by the union's attorneys has swiftly squelched a legal effort by a house-to-house sales agent to collect \$281.50 from a union member . . . for exactly nothing.

The member bought a portable Hi-Fi which usually sells for a cash price of about \$175. The member was taken in by a high pressure sales spiel, and agreed to buy the unit for \$249.50 plus a credit charge of \$23.25, plus a \$7.70 sales tax.

The member, however, canceled the order within a week, before the Hi-Fi was delivered. The sales agent thereupon sued the member, issued a summons and started to apply pressure. Unfortunately for the sales agent, he had been violating the law all along.

In the Harriman administration, a law was passed which requires a seller to supply a purchaser with a completely filled-in contract. The copy which the Local 1-S member received was not filled in, was not accepted by the seller, the assignment to the factor was not executed, and the dealer did not endorse the note which the member had signed.

Result: the entire claim was withdrawn. Harry Edelstein, who handled the case for the union's law firm, urges that any member who buys on credit should do so from a reputable company. Get a completely filled-in contract. Do not sign anything that is blank, since you may become obligated for a lot more than you believed.

If you encounter any sharp practices, report them immediately to the Better Business Bureau and the District Attorney's office, he said.

If you have any questions on such matters, attend the Legal Aid Clinic which will resume its regular Wednesday evening sessions in September.

Labor Conference On Community Aid

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herst College, president of Consumers Union, told a general session that the cost of consumer credit is "a national disgrace."

"Interest rates on many types of installment purchases are a form of usury that once would have led the guilty parties into the courts and jails. Today, these practices flourish respectably and almost unmolested," he said.

At another session, Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, well-known author and journalist, criticized the Administration for refusing to allocate adequate funds to meet human needs.

"Labor unions have done more to defend the dignity of the individual, to raise the standard of living, to eliminate poverty, and awaken the social conscience of the country," she said, "than all of our public and private welfare agencies put together."

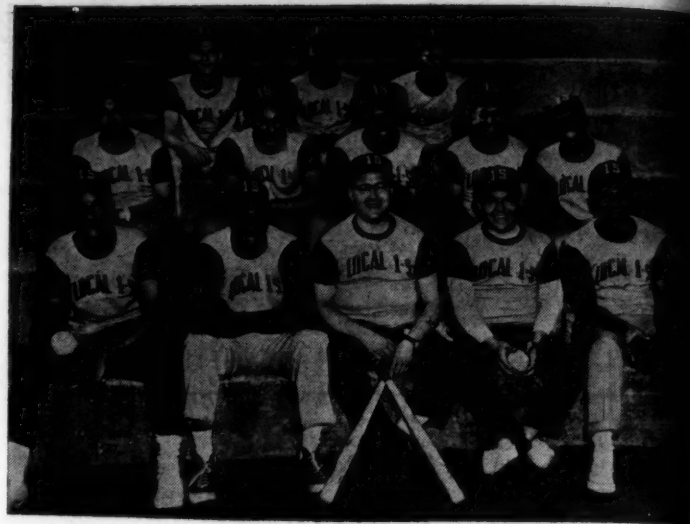
Collectors Are Not Freight Operators! Hazard Is Ended

Within the Fifth Floor packing Division, Supervisor Kober acquired a most unfortunate habit of requiring the collectors to operate the freight elevator between the Fifth and Sixth floors.

On the face of it, handling the freight elevator by inexperienced people constituted a safety hazard. And Steward George Slade filed a grievance to forestall the possibility of a serious accident.

Administrator Frank Milza kept on top of the grievance. It is reported that he asked Labor Relations, would they feel safe running the freight elevator? Besides, only an MTF freight operator was qualified to run it.

Labor Relations, which knows all about job descriptions, saw the light and informed Supervisor Kober accordingly. As of July 6, an MTF freight elevator operator was running the car, as needed.



LEAGUE-LEADING Local 1-S softball team poses for picture. The boys look pretty cheerful about their 5-0 game standing in the District 65 league.

Local 1-S Softball Team Climbs to Top of Its League

Paced by fine pitching and some brilliant, clean-up hitting, Local 1-S' softball team has climbed to the top of the District 65 League in which it has been playing the past month.

With a perfect standing of five games won, none lost, the union's team has been winning by such lopsided scores of 8-0 and 11-1. Neither pitcher Mel Hazel or Jerry Trayanos has allowed more than a single run in any game.

Captain Ernie Rouse attributed the team's success to a "nice balance" of the pitching and steady, hard hitting. He singled out Maurice Plummer and Artie Mason, the team's clean-up men, for praise, citing a fine record of runs batted in.

Other members of the union's league-leading team are Earl Dixon, Garry Pace, Z. Cox, Leroy Jennings, D. Waller, R. Robinson, R. Velez and George Yarborough. Jordan Barruss is field manager, and Frank Nilza is manager.

Letters To the Editor

A WARM FEELING

Please accept my thanks for the lovely card and gift which I received from the welfare committee while I was at home recuperating from my illness.

It was very thoughtful and gave me a warm feeling knowing I was remembered.

SARAH FRIEDMAN
CMC-125

THANKS INADEQUATE

Thank you seems so inadequate for all that the union and the Health Plan has done for me since my illness, and for the cards and gifts from my co-workers which are still cheering me up. I am so grateful.

ALICE V. MEERKECK

GOT TO GET BETTER

What a delightful surprise, when I opened your gift of this lovely perfume. It's so very plain to see that I have not been forgotten and with all this attention, I just got to get better soon.

Thanks again for your lovely gift.

IRENE E. BOCHEM

TERRIFIC

I want to thank my co-workers and the Welfare Board for their thoughtfulness during my recent operation.

Thank goodness for our terrific medical coverage.

Will see you all soon to say thanks a million personally.

RUTH BROWN
CB-160

THE NICEST

This is to express my deep gratitude for the lovely bottle of cologne, that I received from the social service committee. This gift is one of the nicest I have received.

Thanks again,

MRS. ROSA PRIDGEON
Dept. 115

PLEASANT SURPRISE

I wish to extend my thanks to the Welfare Board, Social Services

Committee and Friends in the store for the cards and gifts which I received while convalescing from my recent operation. Each token of friendship was a pleasant surprise.

HARRY MORGAN
58-180

EXTENDS THANKS

I'm writing to extend my thanks to the Welfare Board for the lovely toilet water sent me during my recent illness.

Also to thank my co-workers for the Get Well Cards and wishes sent me during my illness. Needless to say I am deeply grateful for the benefits received from our Group Health Plan. With kind regards,

Sincerely,

EVA LANDER
WPO-3

Branch Store News

WHITE PLAINS

Well, vacation time is here again! We hope that those who have already gotten away have had a fine time. And the rest of us can look forward to our own respite from our regular habits and responsibilities. . . . Congratulations go to Jean Berrelli, Men's Wear, who recently became Mrs. Colantuno . . . and also to Rachel Calucci, Beauty Shop, who became the mother of a baby boy . . . and to Dominick Panaccia, who became the father of twin girls! . . . Hopes for a speedy recovery go to George Disbrow, Electric Appliances, Ruth Wilmet, Men's Wear, and Marian McCabe. We're all waiting to see you back in the store. . . . Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ethel Eisner on the loss of her father-in-law. . . . Excitement is mounting about the Union Dance to be held on September 26 at the Women's Club! More information in the next issue. . . . If you have any news or items, just look up . . .

CAROLE KERN, Cosmetician

FLATBUSH

Wish to express condolences to Rhoda Vlack, Men's Store, and Dorothy Kaye, Infants Wear, who lost their mothers. . . . Those on the sick list are Ann Meyers, Housewares, and Mamie Gordon, Packer-Cashier. . . . A word to those planning a vacation. Be sure you make it a safe one. If you drive, don't burn up the roads to get there. . . .

ROSE NAGLER

PERSONALS

FOR SALE—Formica-top oval foyer table. Excellent condition. Reasonable. Call TA 2-1314 after 6:00 P.M.

FOR SALE—Men's two-suitcase. Genuine leather. A-1 condition. Call TR 2-4081 after July 20 after 6:00 P.M.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

Full information on benefits and regulations can be obtained from the health plan consultant at the union. Members are also asked to remind their doctors that all claim forms must be returned to the Local 1-S office.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

In Memoriam

Justo Vargas #HMP 2658
Anna Kessler #PKW 50
Elizabeth Malone GU6
Margaret Schlott 128-62
Alex Green 10-03 MAF

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